

Lang, William Robert

July 1915, June 1916

Resolution
 Motion

Military Committee

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Yor committee is of opinion that Ch. W. T. T. Wright
is from every standpoint the most suitable person
to command the battery & recommends that
if should you approve, Ch Wright's name be
submitted without delay to ~~the~~ ^{the} Military Headquarters
with the request that he be appointed (5th
command). (Moved by Dean Ellis, Seconded by Mr. Middle.)
carried unanimously.

W.W.

July 9th, 1915.

Professor W. R. Lang,
Niagara Camp.

Dear Professor Lang:

In the absence of the President I beg
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 7th dealing
with the O.T.C., which I shall place in the President's Board
material.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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No.

Niagara Camp, August 19th, 1915.

From Lt. Col. W. R. Lang,

Niagara Camp.

To President Falconer, C.M.G.,

University of Toronto, Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

Would you be in favour of recommending to the Governors that one of the University Bdgs. be offered to the Militia Dept. as a home for a standing Provisional School of Instruction during the coming winter? I would suggest New Knox College, or the Residences North of Hoskin Avenue. The situation is this. In previous winters Provisional Schools have been held for periods of 6 weeks at a time in various centres in the Division, meeting from 3 to 5 nights weekly; but you can well understand the difference in training an Officer or N.C.O. obtains when in attendance from Reveille to Reveille in a camp or barracks as compared with these local night classes. This has proved itself during the current summer, and the prospect of reverting to the unsatisfactory local schools when the winter comes on, is far from pleasing to us who are responsible for turning out really competent officers. At a time like this it appears to me that the University's duty is to assist the Militia Authorities in every way, even to the extent of devoting a portion of its buildings wholly to the training of officers; the Empire needs these more than B.A.'s. at the present time.

Did we have the three residences or new Knox College, the C.O.T.C. might be combined with the Provisional Schools in the following manner:- Courses of 6 weeks duration for Militia Officers in the Division to the number of (say)

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50 -- duly approved by the Militia Dept. -- to be held, one following the other throughout the winter, these officers residing at the University as they would do here or in Barracks (which last are unavailable owing to the Dragoons and Prisoners of War occupying them). To run concurrently with these and housed with them, classes for (say) 100 selected members of the U.of T. C.O.T.C. to be formed for similar periods, these students giving their whole time (should they wish to be of the selected 100) and taking up the thread of their university work when finished. The ordinary C.O.T.C. training after hours would go on as usual. This would fall in with your own proposal to the Minister that the C.O.T.C. should be established on a permanent basis. It would be a great thing for the University to do and would redound to its credit for all time. The British Universities have practically handed over all their buildings and machinery to the War Office; why should we not do the same in a small way? Even from the selfish standpoint only -- the support of the public -- what Provincial Government could refuse the University anything, with the record of having devoted part of its buildings to the training of officers for the front?

The new battalions now formed have absorbed nearly every qualified officer in this Division and their establishments of officers is not yet complete. A large proportion of those at the present course are earmarked for the new

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To

battalions also as soon as qualified and I am asked daily by C.O's. for officers whom I cannot supply. Drafts go from here every few weeks and the strenuous training of young officers for the detachments replacing these drafts is a matter of some concern. Will the University help in the way I have suggested?

Yours faithfully,

M. W. Lang.

Lt. Col. C.E.

i/c I.C. 2nd Div.

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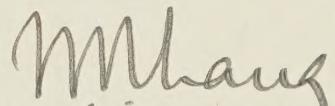
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(Sgd) W. R. Lang

Lt. Col. C.E.

Office Instruction, 2nd Div.

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From Lt. Col. W. R. Lang, C.E.,

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To President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G.,

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Subject: Training.

I am directed by the Officer Commanding 2nd Division to ask you to place the request contained in this letter before the Board of Governors. Frequent drafts are called for from the Division which deplete the units not only of the men but of qualified Commissioned Officers also: the question of training students for overseas service has been vigorously discussed by the Headquarters Staff. While the practice hitherto has been to send the Instructional Cadre to various centres, failing to conduct day or evening classes, this has been found not to induce satisfactory results, and it is now considered desirable that such training should be given at Divisional Headquarters and a permanent school formed where this may be done under the conditions of barrack life. The Staff is of the opinion that it is essential that quarters be secured in Toronto for this purpose and Colonel Lodic desires me to ask if the University would supply such. The three Residences are suggested, and the use of lecture-rooms etc. when not required for University purposes. He would recommend to the Militia Department, should this request be granted, that the Department defray the cost of heating, lighting, repairs and renewals and of such servants as the Governors might consider necessary. Headquarters desires me to say also that the loaning of the accommodation proposed would be

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Yours faithfully,

W. J. M. G.

Adj. Secy.

Adm. Instruction, &c. &c.

September 28th, 1915

Colonel E. S. Lane,
Adjutant-General's Dept.

by Capt. Colonel Lane:

I hope you will be kind enough to supply a
wage and rate of pay for one or two things that would have been
attended to. One of these is to receive your approval for a
sum of money for the C.C.T.C. in November 1915. I sincerely
trust the adjt. gen. to give the amount, and I am enclosing
and shall be the same's confirmation. I hope that this
rate will fit in. As far as the C.C.T.C. will be well
supplied, the adjt. gen. and his other should have
no objection.

Very truly yours, J. W.

John W. Johnson,

Adjt. Gen.

October 11, 1870

Dear General Grant,

Dear General Grant,

Dear General Grant,

I am sorry to inform you that the principal Grange
of the State of Indiana has decided whether we will carry
the movement of 1870 on to that the majority of the
Grange of Indiana will not be in sympathy with the G.T.C.
I am sorry to inform you that you are aware of it,
but if you have not informed me you will at once communicate
the same to me. I will give instructions that they
are to be left off of the organization. I will get authority
from the G.T.C.

Very truly yours, Yours,

John C. Frémont,

President.

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From Lt. Col. M. R. Lang, C.M.,

Niagara Camp.

To President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G.,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

I have both your letters dated yesterday. In reply to the purely academic one, let me say that I gladly nominate Professor Miller for the position on the Post-Graduate Board.

Regarding the O.V. College, I do not think that the authorities at Ottawa will sanction the formation of an independent unit there, nor would I recommend it, especially if it is to be trained by us. It would be much better that the Vets., being officially students of the University of Toronto, attach themselves as a platoon to our O.T.C. This is, in fact, what we offered to do last year but the Principal wished to have an independent command. You had better intimate to Principal Grange that we shall be glad to have his students as part of the Corps. Get LePan to arrange that they be attached as a platoon to one of the Medical companies and, if possible, let someone on the Vet. College Staff - of whom yourself and LePan can thoroughly approve - be appointed the platoon commander. This arrangement will meet their requirements and will keep them in touch with the parent institution. It is, thus, quite unnecessary to trouble Ottawa in the matter at all as it rests with the University to decide what Faculties or Colleges are to be admitted to the privileges of the U. of T. C.O.T.C.

To President R.A. Falconer, C.M.G. Niagara Camp, October 9th, 1915.

I trust that you are quite better now. We find it pretty cold here and I think my family will be returning to Toronto next week. I hope to be back before the end of the month.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. Whang.

P.S. Your letter of 9th regarding a successor to Fotheringham has just come in. It is extremely difficult to say, off hand, who would be the best man. Perhaps you would send me that pamphlet containing the names of members of Senate and Faculty Councils, when it would be much more easy for me to select names for your consideration. It seems to me essential that the person selected should possess a certain knowledge of military matters, especially in connection with procedure.

W.W.

Whangfitt remains on as Adj't: his replacement will be the Technical School all winter as that unit does W.W.

October 24, 1915

Mr. - (C) on. W. J. Long.

Dear Sirs:

Dear Mr. Long:

Mr. Long's suggestion this morning
to have a meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Committee-
men to deliberate, in the matter of Mr. Balfour. I suppose
Mr. Balfour's plan will be to officially file what you
have in mind. The committee's procedure may be more
difficult to determine. It may be necessary to have a
meeting and then issue a resolution.

Yours sincerely,

John D. T..

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Officer Commanding

University of Toronto Detach., C.M.F.C.

Officer Commanding

2nd Battalion

TERMS relating to Officer Training, 1916.

In view of the formation of the new battalions recently authorized and the important demand for competent officers & non-commissioned officers to furnish the corps of volunteers & others to be raised, the University of Toronto, C.M.F.C. offers to furnish an officer with, correspondingly a detachment, to be dispersed at University and out-of-town at a rate of \$1000.00 per month, non-commissioned officers and by \$500.00 per month, non-commissioned officers and by \$500.00 per month. The corps to be recruited at the Service Recruit, the Staff, Instructional Staff, Library Officers to be Leader for Course Supplies, and all officers to be paid in addition \$1000.00 per month for Paypoint Services. The staff to be instructed and trained with a view to the unique qualifying for production of the C.M.F.C. corps. Liability to be general for non-commissioned officers \$1000.00 per month, non-commissioned officers, for non-commissioned officers qualifying for the service and non-commissioned and non-commissioned, with orders to be made under existing authority or rendered to those who are to be given for each the prescribed sum of money and time to be given, to be given as a personal Training & Supplies to the officers and N.C.O.s.

Only one ongoing contract is provided in University Supplies, Library, and other and various assistants, certain and qualifications for time to be given officers & N.C.O.s, and the time as required of giving, through the posts of such a corps as to have given, their services right and to letter direction.

It is expected that this will be added the Canadian Garrison Training Corps Institution of Regt., Quebec for men & N.C.O.s will be given in the official report to be found in the following sheet to be sent by the Commandant for

school of Infantry, this a private donation is one or other of the University of Virginia's military companies. The unit or officer would be performing the same function as the School of Infantry, only on a larger scale and for a more permanent term, having among its members only those who are conditioned and trained into Company units, or to be transferred to them on U.S. Or, and this with no further cost to the organization that invested in the upkeep of an barracks institution.

Officers of Virginia will, for the sum of \$10,000 be authorized to
hire arms for service of Artillery corresponding to the requirements of the
army for which they destined to possibly, and it would then automatically clear
the provisioned school of Infantry about to be organized in Fort Lee.

The First Virginia Artillery contingent of the C. S. A. has been acting in this
capacity, one has been stationed in Texas for about a year, and the work has
exceeded the high expectation of the authorities.

Major-General C. R.

General, U. S. A., General, C. S. A., U. S. A., U. S. A.

December 7th, 1915

Colonel F. R. Bent,
School of Instruction,
U. S. Cavalry.

Dear Colonel Bent:

I am sending you another letter asking
about the possibility of the U. S. Cavalry. I have told Mr.
Cochran that you had this to do.

Colonel Bent, I have now
considered my self bound to let you know of
instructions with regard to recommending non-university
men.

Very respectfully,

John C. Clegg.

December 22nd, 1918

Colonel P. E. Lane,
Tercent.

Dear Colonel Lane:

I am sending you a set of copies of information which are distributed to our Canadian troops in France. They came to me from Lt-Colonel Pitchford and I thought they would be of interest to you. If you are not the man you will be disappointed, but remember this might be of use to your men.

Very sincerely yours, (br)

W. G. McCallum, Jr.

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Toronto, January 26th, 1916.

From Lt. Col. W. R. Lang, G.S.
O.C. U.of T. C.O.T.C.
To President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G.,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for sending me General Gwatkin's letter regarding payment of Capitation Grant. If this is sent to you direct will you kindly pass it to Mr. Reed who acts as treasurer to the funds of the C.O.T.C.? He will then, with great satisfaction, send a cheque to the Bursar for the advance which the University has been so kind as to loan to the Corps.

Yours sincerely,

W. Lang

February 1st, 1916

Lt.-Colonel W. R. Lang,
Toronto.

Dear Colonel Lang:

I am informed that Mr. E. H. Underhill who enlisted as a private in one of the University Companies is now at the front and has been thought of as being likely to make a good officer if he were transferred from the ranks and given a commission in the British or Canadian Army through the G.T.C. Mr. Underhill is a man of such distinction and also of a high devotion to duty that I feel confident that he would adorn a commissioned officer's position and devote his energy and ability in the most servicable way to his country's good.

Yours sincerely,

President.

H. Q. 32-1-238.

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Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

February 11th, 1916.

My dear Lang,

With reference to my letter H.Q.
32-1-238 dated 6th instant:

Last Wednesday afternoon Dr. Falconer
told me that he would himself communicate with
the President of the Ontario Agricultural College;
and, for my own part, I intend to lie low and
await developments.

Yours very sincerely,

W. G. Walkin

X President Falconer;

please.

For your information

W.W.

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No.

Toronto, February 15th, 1916.

From Lt. Col. W. R. Lang, G.S.,

School of Instruction.

To President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G.,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

I attach a letter from Dean Clarke and my answer thereto for your information. On mature consideration, as McTaggart is now directly under the British Government we cannot appoint him in absentia a lieutenant in the C.O.T.C., neither would it affect him over there did we do so, for in the General Hospital he is an enlisted man. What I would suggest to you is to write to the Minister of Militia quoting Colonel Roberts' remarks, or a part of them - say the part I have underlined, omitting reference to the O.T.C. - and draw his attention to the academic qualifications which in your opinion would warrant McTaggart being given the honorary rank of lieutenant in the Expeditionary Force. This, I think, should meet the circumstances. I am sending a copy of this to Dean Clarke to let him know what I have done.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Lang



DEAN'S OFFICE
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

February 9th, 1916.

Colonel W.R.Lang,
Department of Chemistry,
University.

Dear Col. Lang:-

In a letter received from
Colonel Roberts two days ago, the following paragraph
occurs:-

" I have been wondering if it would be
possible to get some recognition for McTaggart.
I would like to see him with a commission, at
least with the rank of Lieutenant. He has done
exceptionally good work in the X-Ray Department
under the most unfavourable conditions imaginable,
and has, by his patient, quiet, conscientious methods
earned the good will of every member of the hospital
staff. We would all gladly appreciate his promotion
and gladly welcome him to our mess. I would suggest
that you discuss the matter with Col. Lang and see if
it would not be possible to get him the rank of Lieutenant
in the Officers' Training Corps and then have him
seconded for service to the Unit through the Militia
Department at Ottawa. Specify that he is to act in
the special capacity of Officer in charge of the X-Ray
Department."

What do you think about it, and
is there anything you can do?

Yours sincerely,

G.K. Clarke,

Dean.

Toronto, February 12th.

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Lt. Col. W. R. Lang, G.S.,

School of Instruction.

Dr. C. K. Clarke,

Toronto General Hospital.

Dear Mr. Dean,

Your letter regarding McTaggart to hand.

We all appreciate McTaggart thoroughly and I shall take the matter up with the President of the University as to the best method of having him advanced to commissioned rank. At first sight the course suggested by Colonel Roberts, namely, giving him a commission in the C.O.T.C. would not probably secure him the overseas commission, but I have another scheme in my head which, if it passes Ottawa, will bring the desired result. Leave it in my hands for a few days until I have the scheme fully worked out, when I will communicate with you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W.M.

March 24th 1916

Colonel A. B. Lang,
Toronto.

My dear Colonel Lang:

Both these letters came to my own house
during my absence and consequently were not forwarded to you.
I have written Mr. Heard to say that I am forwarding the letters
to you with the request that you should deal with them at the
earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

President.

M. F. B. 440.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

In reply please quote

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Toronto, March 29th, 1916.

President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G.,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

I attach a draft report called for by the Regulations and which should be in the hands of the G.O.C. by the 31st of March. It has been carefully checked by me and is now ready for your signature.

Yours faithfully,

McLaren.

M. F. B. 440.

In reply please quote

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

No. _____

Toronto, March 31st, 1916.

Memorandum for President Falconer.

Dear Mr. President,

Re Sinclair Battley. It now rests with you to put forward a request through Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, that this man be returned to Toronto and discharged.

Yours sincerely
W. W. Haug.

M. F. B. 440.

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No.

Toronto, April 12th, - 1916.

Memorandum for President Falconer.

Will you kindly signify your approval of the two documents attached and pass to Mr. Reed at the Orderly Room for payment?

M. Whang.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

In reply please quote

No.

149 College St.,

Toronto, June 14th, 1916.

President R. A. Falconer, C.M.G.,
University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

It has struck me several times that it would be a graceful acknowledgment of the interest taken in the C.O.T.C., and of the kindness of the various colleges, in allowing the School of Instruction, - doubtless because it is officered mostly by C.O.T.C. officers, - to hold their Sunday Services in their various chapels, if you were to seriously consider writing to the Secretary of the Militia Council and asking that they authorize the appointment as Honorary Chaplains of the C.O.T.C. of the following; - the Provost of Trinity College, the Superior of St. Michael's College, the Principal of Wycliffe College, The President of Victoria College, the Principal of Knox College.

You might think over this and if you consider it, a good ^{idea} ~~suggestion~~ perhaps you would write as suggested.

Yours sincerely,

M. H. Lang.

